



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0023

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kiichi HAMA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1765  
Application No.: 09/869,277 ) Examiner: L. UMEZ ERONINI  
Filed: June 26, 2001 )  
For: METHOD OF PLASMA ) Confirmation No. 2374  
PROCESSING )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed November 26, 2004, the period for response having been extended to May 26, 2005 by a Petition for Extension of Time - Three Months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and the period for response having been further extended by a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.